

Members of the FCC
re: NAB's Petition 04-160

As a subscriber of XM radio service I wish to add my support for their continued expansion of services including traffic and weather reporting. I have used their current system for local traffic and have found it accurate and timely. I don't have to search the AM dial for a report that may or may not cover the area I'm driving in or expecting to drive through. I couldn't count how much time I have spent looking for traffic conditions only to find a report half done without an update for another half an hour and not covering the areas I need.. With my XM my attention is kept to the business of driving. There is not station in our area that is committed to full time reporting like XM provides. The issue of the right to speak freely is but one reason to allow XM to continue and to expand their services. Safety on our highways and giving drivers the ability to change their route which in turn reduces traffic congestion are but two other examples of why this needs to exist. This is a service I gladly pay for and will continue to subscribe to as long as it provides me the things I need to help me on my travels. I hope you will agree with me and reject this petition.